

the oversight of those facilities, as well as the actions the Administration for Children and Families will take to correct any problems.

That review will include a stem-to-stern examination of the policies related to services offered to immigrants after their release. That includes legal services and healthcare, including reproductive healthcare.

If Ms. Johnson's agency cannot complete that review in 90 days, they will provide a summary of their work to date and give the Congress a new timeline and a guarantee of when the process will be finalized.

Let me be very clear: These are not suggestions from me or from the Finance Committee. These are commitments set in stone. The Finance Committee is going to watchdog this every day going forward. We will do everything in our power to hold Ms. Johnson to these commitments.

This administration's continuing mistreatment of migrant children and their parents is cruel and inhuman. Separating kids from their parents has harmful, long-lasting effects to these kids' physical and mental well-being. There is a lot of work left to be done reunifying the families that were broken apart as a result of the administration's "zero tolerance" policy. I believe Lynn Johnson will be an improvement. I supported her nomination today, but you can bet my colleagues and I are going to go to every length to hold her to the commitments she has made.

Mr. NELSON. Mr. President, today I voted yea on the confirmation of Lynn Johnson of Colorado to lead the Administration for Children and Families under the Department of Health and Human Services. As the head of the agency that oversees the Office of Refugee Resettlement, Mrs. Johnson now faces the daunting and critically important task of overseeing the ongoing reunification of hundreds of children and parents who were forcibly and cruelly separated by this administration at the southern border.

This nightmare is far from over. As of today, hundreds of children have still not been reunified with their families. According to information I received from the Department of Health and Human Services yesterday, 43 of these children are being held in facilities in my home State of Florida. I am outraged at the slow pace of reunification, and I am furious that these children are still being subjected to the unimaginable trauma of separation at the hands of our government.

I conveyed these serious concerns to Mrs. Johnson when I met with her last month. It is my hope that she understands the gravity of the situation she has now inherited. I expect her to immediately put forward a plan to reunify all remaining separated children with their families and to ensure that these children are treated humanely while they are held in facilities that she now oversees. I will continue to monitor this crisis, and I will continue

to hold this administration accountable for its policies.

#### VOTE EXPLANATION

Ms. HIRONO. Mr. President, I was necessarily absent for votes on August 23 and August 27 so I could return to Hawaii to lend my support to the State and Federal preparations for and response to the severe weather conditions caused by Hurricane Lane. I rise today in order to outline how I would have voted on the rollcall votes that occurred on those dates.

For vote No. 190 on August 23, 2018, on the motion to invoke cloture on Senate amendment 3695 to H.R. 6157, Department of Defense, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act, 2019, had I been present, I would have voted yea.

For vote No. 191 on August 23, 2018, on adoption of Senate amendment 3967 to H.R. 6157, Department of Defense, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act, 2019, had I been present, I would have voted nay.

For vote No. 192 on August 23, 2018, on the motion to waive the Budget Act with respect to Amendment No. 3695 to H.R. 6157, Department of Defense, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act, 2019, had I been present, I would have voted yea.

For vote No. 193 on August 23, 2018, on final passage of H.R. 6157, Department of Defense, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act, 2019, as amended, had I been present, I would have voted yea.

Finally, for vote No. 194 on August 27, 2018, on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Lynn A. Johnson to be Assistant Secretary for Family Support, Department of Health and Human Services, had I been present, I would have voted yea.

#### TRIBUTE TO DR. MARCIA CROSSE

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, as ranking member on the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions and along with my colleague, Senator ALEXANDER, the chairman, I would like to recognize a public servant deeply committed to protecting the health of the American people, Dr. Marcia Crosse. Dr. Crosse will retire on August 31, 2018, after a distinguished 35-year career at the Government Accountability Office, where she is currently a director with the Health Care Team.

Over the course of her career, Dr. Crosse led the work behind more than 200 reports and congressional testimonies on a wide range of important public health issues, including the safety of drugs and medical devices; bioterrorism; infectious disease outbreaks such as SARS and the West Nile Virus; pandemic and emergency preparedness; biomedical research; and HIV/AIDS. She has helped shed light on problems that otherwise may have long gone unnoticed. Her work has not only led

agencies to take action, but has also informed important legislative changes, including more effective medical device recalls, a risk-based approach to foreign drug inspections, clarification of FDA's authority to oversee drug compounding, and enhanced authority for FDA to better manage drug shortages. Her work has helped to improve the health and safety of families across the country for generations to come, and we are incredibly grateful for her service.

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. President, I join with Senator MURRAY in recognizing Dr. Marcia Crosse. In recognition of her achievements, she has been honored within GAO through meritorious and distinguished service awards for her technical excellence and dedication to client service, as well as across government as a 2014 finalist for a Samuel J. Heyman Service to America Medal for Citizen Services. Both within GAO and in Congress, Dr. Crosse is recognized as a consummate professional and an independent and creative thinker who understands the issues, gets to the bottom of problems, and communicates those issues clearly to Members of Congress, our staff, and to the agencies she works with. Thanks to the dedication and expertise of Dr. Crosse, not only are vital parts of our government working better, but Americans are better off as well.

#### TRIBUTE TO FRED SCHUSTER

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I am writing to recognize a longtime member of my staff, who will shortly retire from public service, after honorably serving me and the people of Iowa for over 35 years.

Fred Schuster joined my staff in 1984 as my regional director in Des Moines, IA. He had been president of the Iowa State University student body and a member of ISU's Cardinal Key Honor Society. He had also been president of the College Republicans of Iowa.

In 1987, I asked Fred to move to Waterloo and become the regional director. During this time, Fred was elected president of the largest Kiwanis club in North East Iowa and served as its lieutenant governor, covering seven other clubs. He was appointed to the Cedar Falls Library Board and was elected an officer each year he served. He was also selected to be on the North East Iowa regional library board. In 1999, there was a devastating flood in northeast Iowa, the recovery from which resulted in a significant shortage of drywall in the region. Fred worked to get suppliers to provide extra drywall to the Waterloo area stores. One of the companies instead provided two semi loads for free, which was distributed by the Area Agency on Aging to those in greatest need.

In 2002, President George W. Bush appointed Fred to be the Region 7 Director for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services covering the States of Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and